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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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ABDO et al

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For MICROPROCESSOR DESIGN  
SUPPORT FOR COMPUTER  
SYSTEM AND PLATFORM  
VALIDATION

Confirmation No. 1020

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Preliminary to examination, kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

### **REMARKS**

Claims 5-10, 18-21, and 23-39 are pending by this amendment.

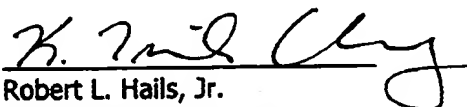
Claims 5-10, 18-21, and 23-37 were previously allowed. Applicants have amended these claims to clarify the claimed invention. Claims 38-39 are presented for examination. They recite similar subject matter as previously allowed claims 25 and 26, and, therefore, present no new issues for examination.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4235 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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